

PROSPECTUS

A. INTRODUCTION

(Confidential for Members)

The Grand Rapids Council, Boy Scouts of America stands practically alone among other Councils of its size in not owning a permanent Camp Site with equipment and buildings of at least standard quality. In 1914 the Grand Rapids Boy Scouts were sent to the Chicago Scout Camp at White Hall, Michigan. In 1915 they camped on Pigeon Lake at Port Sheldon, Michigan. In 1916 Mr. Nicholas Holman, of Chicago, granted them the use of his property on Lake Michigan, where they have camped since.

Instead of gradually improving this Camp it was permitted to depreciate. Two years ago practically all buildings and equipment were in need of replacement. To-day the buildings are of course still more in a dilapidated condition.

Practically everything except the new tents, new cots, electric lighting plant, floors, boats and minor miscellaneous equipment which has been purchased during the last two years, needs to be replaced.

The Mess Hall, not large enough, is not waterproof. New tables and benches are necessary. Serving dishes are lacking. The kitchen is make-shift and without proper storage facilities for groceries. There is no cold storage for vegetables, milk or staple meats. A serious lack of hot water for sanitary dish washing is being experienced. The hand pump is entirely inadequate to furnish cooking water, dish water and water for personal toilet.

The cold, wet days which are experienced in Lake Michigan developed colds and discomfort, with the resultant lowering of morale among the Campers because of the lack of a gathering place which was dry and heated by a fireplace or stove to dry clothing and warm the boys. No place is provided for quiet games, study, or reading.

The quartermaster's department and candy store are housed in a small patched-up shack, too small to store and properly care for the tools and other equipment. It is so patched and dilapidated that it increases the loss and depreciation of our small equipment rather than protecting it. Our lighting system is not efficiently installed or housed.

Our athletic and games equipment and facilities were very much criticized for their lack by our splendid athletic director of the 1925 season. Our water devices are not of minimum standard required by National Headquarters.

We lack administration facilities for keeping records and carrying on the business of the Camp. Business efficiency demands improvement along these lines.

Our dish-washing equipment is entirely primitive. Such that would be sanitary if in a Camp of three or four people, but well nigh impossible with the ninety people we had in Camp one of the terms this year. We are running chances of an epidemic.

Our toilet facilities are far below standard. The crude pit toilet, impossible to keep clean, breeder of flies, and foul smelling, despite constant care, used in Camp Shawondossee is absolutely taboo in any modern Camp. Our garbage disposal could be improved greatly.

Warm water is necessary to remove dirt. A Boy Scouts Camper is expected to take at least one warm water bath per week. Our boys do all of their washing in a wash basin of cold hard water, furnished by the one hand pump.

Our tents need flies. We did not have enough cots to go around this summer.

Many other draw-backs could be noted and members of the Camping Committee are alive to them.

The Grand Rapids Scout Camp was inspected by National Headquarters this season. No rating whatsoever was given its equipment. Other Camps even of such small cities as Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Flint, Saginaw, etc. have modern and efficient Camps. The inspector noted these. Some of our Council officers have verified the deficiencies of our Camp after visits to other cities.

The kind of a Camp we could have with a proper site and equipment can be imagined when it is made known that the National Headquarters Inspector reported that our Camp of 1925 had the most worth-while leadership of any he had visited and was ahead of all Michigan Camps in its discipline and morale.

What is the answer to this thesis of criticism? Our Council and Camping must start over and build from a good foundation, purchase and equip a standard Boy Scout Camp. Our results despite the handicaps demand it. Our needs demand it. National Boy Scout standards requires it and will not permit us to continue in laxity.

B. FINANCIAL ESTIMATE

1. Initial cost of site and buildings - - - - -	\$6,939.48
(a) 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land with 3,331.6 feet of Lake frontage on two lakes.	
(b) Mess Hall 40' x 40' with deep well, tables, utensils, kitchen range, screens, and cabinet-work in kitchen and store room.	
(c) Administration building (log cabin)	
(d) Crafts Building (log cabin)	
(e) Lavatory and Latrine - frame building 10' x 14' with septic tank.	
(f) Swimming pier.	
2. Interest on mortgage - - -	\$112.00
Improvements on land - - -	250.00
	\$ 362.00
3. Mess Hall Equipment	
Dining Room - - - - -	\$123.00
Kitchen - - - - -	50.00
Recreation Hall - - - - -	75.00
Garbage Disposal - - - - -	25.00
	\$ 273.00
4. Lavatory & Latrine Equipment	
Lavatories - - - - -	\$ 75.00
Water Heater - - - - -	35.00
Toilets - - - - -	100.00
Tank, pipe, labor, faucets, fittings, etc.-	75.00
	\$ 285.00
5. Water System - - - - -	290.00
6. Administration Equipment	
Moving Cabin - - - - -	\$ 75.00
Office & Records - - - - -	50.00
Officers Sleeping Quarters - - - - -	25.00
Furniture - - - - -	100.00
First Aid - - - - -	35.00
	285.00
7. Boys Quarters	
1 7x9 Tent - - - - -	\$ 20.00
10 Flys - - - - -	159.00
6 Flys - - - - -	60.00
Floors - - - - -	75.00
Cots - - - - -	105.00
Misc. & Special - - - - -	57.00
	\$ 476.00

8. Quartermaster and Store

Moving Building - - - - -	\$ 50.00	
Shelving, boxes, etc. for storage - - - - -	25.00	
Tools - - - - -	60.00	
Hike Equipment - - - - -	45.00	
Instruction & Equipment -	150.00	
Store Equipment - - - - -	20.00	
Tools & Equip. for Craftwork - - - - -	50.00	\$ 400.00

9. Electric wiring, labor and supplies - - - - - 75.00

10. Outdoor Games and Sports equipment - - - - - 75.00
Baseball, Indoor, Volley Ball, Archery, Quoits, Track,
Etc.

11. Water Equipment

Boats - - - - -	72.60	
2 Canoes - - - - -	85.00	
1 Sail Boat - - - - -	50.00	
1 Outboard Motor - - - -	75.00	
1 Boat pier - - - - -	50.00	
1 Crib - - - - -	25.00	
1 Slide - - - - -	65.00	
Safety Equipment - - - -	25.00	\$ 447.60

12 Contingencies and Financing - - - - - 191.92

Grand Total \$10,000.00